



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, WI*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located in eastern Wisconsin along Lake Michigan, Milwaukee (population 596,974) is a federally designated Renewal Community. The city was built on a foundation of industrial activity that historically has been dominated by machine tool manufacturers, tanneries, and foundries. Many of these facilities have now closed or moved from the city, leaving behind 165 tax-delinquent properties. Brownfields efforts will focus on the Menomonee



### Revolving Loan Fund Grant



#### \$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances, especially in the Menomonee River Valley and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. Grant funds will be used to oversee cleanups and conduct community outreach activities.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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River Valley area and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. Neighborhoods in the Valley have the highest population density and lowest incomes in the state. The unemployment rate is 13 percent, and 39 percent of residents live below the poverty level. Ninety-seven

percent of residents in the Corridor are minorities. The unemployment rate is 19 percent, and 34 percent of residents live below the poverty level. When brownfields are cleaned up, they will be redeveloped for mixed-use buildings, affordable housing, and greenspace. Brownfields redevelopment will create living-wage jobs, generate increased tax revenues, and reduce the potential threats of exposure to contaminants.